first inspected the site, he asked me to accompany him. Dr. Coombes, Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar and myself accompanied him; and after inspection, the Diwan asked my opinion about the site. I said, "it is an ideal site, but as it is near Trichur, a growing town, why should we risk having the Asylum in a place like that?" I suggested another site, that is, on the side west of the Attanikkal Police Station near Mulakunnattukavu. There is plenty of open space there and no houses in the neighourhood. Another site near the Velangankunnu was also suggested. A third site to the east of the Railway line between Adur and Chalakkudi was also mentioned. This last was the site pitched upon. Mr. Vijayaraghava Chari agreed; and I was under the impression that the site near Anappara was given up, till I saw the notification in the Gazette for the acquisition of that site.

President.—So there was protest from the very beginning, from the day the site was inspected?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

Yes, Sir. I may also add that Mr. Vijayaraghava Chari then told us he would not spend more than Rs. 50,000 upon the Asylum.

President.—The expenditure has exceeded double the original estimate.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR (*Nellayi*).

Sir, I would be the last man to stand in the way of doing good to the lepers. My objection in bringing this motion for a cut is simply that no more money should be wasted in an undertaking like this. That is all my object. I withdraw this cut.

The motion was withdrawn with leave.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

I don't press it, Sir. Nobody says that a Leper Asylum is not necessary.

Mr. Ouseph's cut was permitted to be withdrawn.

Mr. Salem being absent, his motion was taken to have been withdrawn.

Adjournment motion.

Mr. CHAKKO CHERUVATHUR (*Vadakkancheri*).

Under Rule 26 of the Standing Orders, Page 12 of the Rules, I want to move for the adjournment of

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the motions standing in the names of the Jewish members who are absent to-day, it being a Sabbath day for them.

President.—I have received a requisition from Mr. Salem. I have already passed orders on that. There is no motion standing in the name of Mr. Koder. The motion is that Mr. Salem's business should be adjourned.

Mr. MATHEW KOLADI VADAKKOT (*Kunnamkulam*).

There are some more cuts standing in the name of Mr. Salem. They may be adjourned to Monday.

President.—Have we not passed all those motions now?

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

We have not passed all of them. We have just come to Mr. Salem's motion.

President.—In this connection, I will refer to Standing Order No. 21. You see, Mr. Salem's motion is identical with the motions of the other members. There are motions standing in the names of Messrs. C. A. Ouseph, A. B. Salem and T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar regarding the First Grade College. I can allow any of the other motions to be moved. Now, Mr. Ouseph, you may move your motion.

Motion Nos. 80—82.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 50,000 for the First Grade College by Rs. 40,000.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 50,000 for the First Grade College by Rs. 30,000.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR (*Nellayi*).

To omit the allotment of Rs. 50,000 for the First Grade College.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, during the discussions during the last few days, we, for the first time, came to know about the conception, origin and development of the First Grade College here. We have already expressed that we felt disappointed with the way in which the peoples' representations to be taken into consideration in regard

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to the opening of the First Grade College were treated by the Government. But they are matters of the past. We have sanctioned the amount in the budget for the College, and there is no going back upon it.

But there is one thing that remains to be properly discussed here. That is the location of the First Grade College. The member for Mulakunnattukavu referred to this matter yesterday. A Committee had been appointed—whose Report has not been published—to report upon the desirability of having a First Grade College and also to suggest its location. Sir, I have heard it said—I have no authoritative pronouncements to back up my statement—that the Committee was in favour of a college at Trichur. Trichur is the central town of Cochin and the centre of the whole of Kerala. The idea being to develop the Cochin College into an "All-Kerala University", Trichur is far more suited for the purpose than Ernakulam. Trichur is also healthier than Ernakulam. Whatever be the views on these matters, if the Committee has suggested that the College should be at Trichur, an expenditure of Rs. 50,000 on College buildings in Ernakulam is excessive. It would mean that the College is going to be at Ernakulam permanently and that the chances of its being shifted to Trichur are very little It is, therefore, that I have proposed for a reduction of Rs. 40,000 in the total of Rs. 50,000. I do not want College work at present in Ernakulam to suffer. Rs. 10,000 may be allowed for temporary buildings but not a pie for permanent ones. I believe Rs. 10,000 will be sufficient to meet present requirements. I do not think Rs. 50,000 is necessary for temporary buildings. We have got the Leper Asylum buildings at Anappara, and if, as suggested, they can be utilised for residential quarters attached to the College, we have to think deeply, before we allot Rs. 50,000 for temporary buildings at Ernakulam. It is, therefore, Sir, that I move for a reduction of Rs. 40,000.

President.—How much is necessary for the College buildings at Anappara?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Ten lakhs of rupees.

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Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

Eventually, it will come to that.

President.—When the Harbour develops, all these buildings will bring more amount.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Once we have settled that the College is permanently to be at Anappara, there is no justification for spending any amount here on permanent buildings for the College.

President.—It is not to meet the temporary requirements as you may call it. We have to be here three or four years. We have to open Chemistry group for B. A. At present, accommodation is very inadequate and I think the Director of Public Instruction has given us a statement as to how he is put to all sorts of inconveniences for want of accommodation.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

May I know, Sir, in this connection, whether Government has formed any idea as to the permanent location of the College?

Mr. C. MATTHAI (*Director of Public Instruction*).

We have to investigate the question of water supply and decide whether we can remove the College to Anappara. That is a matter that should be considered. Then alone we can decide. With regard to this question, we will get back our money that is spent here.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

I do not stand in the way. I said let us not spend too much. Let us spend only as much as is absolutely necessary. Estimates for the buildings that are to be put up have been prepared, and the people are put in the dark about these undertakings. We know Rs. 50,000 is going to be spent. The member for Education will kindly explain how he is going to spend it. It is for these reasons, Sir, that I move for a reduction of Rs. 40,000.

Mr. MATHEW KOLADI VADAKKOT (*Kunnamkulam*).

May we hear the Hon'ble Member's explanation?

Mr. C. MATTHAI (*Director of Public Instruction*).

As I said, yesterday, Government has not come to a decision, regarding the permanent location of the

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College. There are one or two points, for instance, which have to be considered, before we come to a decision. As I pointed out, yesterday, there was first the question of investigation as regards water supply. The University Commission had laid down in their Report that the matter must be first investigated, before the question is decided; and then, there is another important matter. That is the Kerala University now proposed by the Travancore University Committee, who, as I told you yesterday, have proposed a Federal University for the whole of Kerala; and they proposed that one of the centres should be in Travancore; another centre should be in the Cochin State and the third in Malabar, so that, if they mean to take serious action, they have to take the initiative. The Report has been published; that is all what we know about it. The Report is before the Travancore Government. We do not know whether they are going to take any action upon it. It is of the utmost importance that we should know that anything like the scheme proposed is going to materialise. The Travancore Committee recognised that the very best thing in the interests of University education for the whole of Kerala would be a Federal University for the whole of the West Coast; and it is only when that fails, they say they should have a separate University for Travancore; and the Committee that we have appointed are also of the very same opinion; and therefore, it is a very important matter for us. There is a little delay in the matter, but I do not think it is likely to prejudice our interests. We would wait a little to see what the Travancore Government is going to do; and then, if we can leave Travancore to itself, if there is no chance of our coming to a reasonable agreement with Travancore, we can shoulder the burdens ourselves.

We have to decide how far we are to remain in Ernakulam and, in the meantime, to carry on our investigation whether Anappara is a suitable site; and, if it is not, which would be the most suitable site for our College, so that we have simply made this allotment. There has been no plan or system. You will find that last year there was an allotment of two lakhs for buildings for the First Grade College. Not a pie has been spent out of it for buildings for the First Grade College,

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There were certain original works for education purposes, and we utilised part of that amount for those purposes, and this year, for instance, you know how inconveniently the College is conducted now. Now we have shifted some of the High School classes, Primary and Lower Secondary, and we have made a make-shift arrangement. Next year, when the Senior B. A. class is opened, some more classes will have to go out, so that it is not exactly the question of providing buildings for the College, but for the High School classes that are shifted from the High School buildings, so that we will go into the question carefully and see how best we can utilise the amount. But you will admit that it is imperative, we must have a reserve to fall back upon whenever exigencies may turn up.

President.—Is his explanation satisfactory?

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

His explanation is in a way satisfactory. It is only a reserve. Reserves are dangerous. I am prepared to withdraw. To give such reserves in a free hand seems not to be very satisfactory. The University Committee is insisting upon an investigation, and there is the Travancore Report. What are we to do? I withdraw my motion very sadly.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Mr. A. B. Salem being absent, his cut was considered to have been withdrawn.

President.—Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar, do you press your motion?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR (*Nellayi*).

Sir, I beg to withdraw.

The cut was permitted to be withdrawn.

President.—The next motion is that of Dr. A. G. Menon.

Motion No 83.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,70,322 for Buildings—Original Works by Rs. 10,800.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

Sir, a sum of Rs. 10,800 is allotted for "Extending Nemmara High School building." Of course, during

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the general discussion, the Chief Engineer brought to our notice the fact of the extension of the buildings for the Nemmara High School. It is a waste of money, if the sum is spent on the extension of the present sheds in which the school is housed. This Rs. 10,800 to be spent for this year's construction may be utilised for plant and to increase the accommodation for the High School. There is no necessity to spend this sum, which is quite inadequate for a good building. Further, the present site is too small. The first thing is to acquire more lands for the school. No definite plan of the buildings is given out for the construction of the school. If it is for one portion of a new permanent building, I have no objection.

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

It is for a permanent building that this amount is spent.

Mr. C. MATTHAI (*Director of Public Instruction*).

It is only one block. Too many classes have to remain in sheds.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

The present sheds are practically uninhabitable. They require some kind of repairs urgently. Students are exposed to rain during the rainy season and to the sun in summer.

Mr. C. MATTHAI (*Director of Public Instruction*).

It is only a make-shift arrangement. A permanent block may be put.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

I do not press the cut. It is stated in the budget as an extension of the present building. So I sent the cut. I only wanted to know whether this sum is for a new building. I withdraw my cut with the distinct understanding that the sum is for a portion of a new school building and not, as stated in the appendix 13, for "Extending Nemmara High School building".

The House permitted Dr. A. G. Menon to withdraw his cut.

Mr. MATHEW KOLADI VADAKKOT (*Kunnamkulam*).

Sir, I now raise the question of postponing Mr. Salem's motion.

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President.—There is another motion before that. That is Dr. A. G. Menon's motion.

Motion No. 84.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,14,751 for Irrigation by Rs. 100.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

Sir, I have already brought up a resolution. But I don't know whether it would take a large time for the formation of Committee. Whatever I have to say about irrigation, I shall take the next opportunity to place before the House, and, as such, there is no necessity to discuss the same now. I withdraw my motion.

The House permitted the cut to be withdrawn.

Motion No. 85.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,128 for the upkeep and maintenance of the College Gas and Electric Plants by Rs. 1,700.

Adjournment Motion.

Mr. MATHEW KOLADI VADAKKOT (*Kunnamkulam*).

Sir, I take this opportunity to move that the motions of Mr. A. B. Salem be adjourned to another day, preferably Monday.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, I second it.

The President put the motion to votes and it was lost.

Voting of Demands for Grants—(*cont.*)

DEMAND XXVII—Public Works—Rs. 14·08 lakhs—(*cont.*)

Mr. A. B. Salem's motion was considered to have been withdrawn

Motion Nos. 86 and 87.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,791 for Dredger and Pulsometer by one rupee.

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